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Situation in Kashmir

(Report #6 - As of 0400 p.m. EDT)

1. The Pakistani attack in the Chhamb area along the southern end of the Cease-Fire Line in Kashmir appears to have been blunted. [REDACTED]

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2. The degree of success in the Pakistani operations in the Chhamb area appears to be far less than Pakistan is claiming officially or than press reports based on Pakistani handouts have indicated. However, the official Pakistani reports, while claiming greater gains than have apparently been obtained, have indicated that Pakistani objectives were far more limited than now appears to be the case. [REDACTED]

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3. Indian Prime Minister Shastri has broadcast to the nation, stating somberly that India is in an "hour of serious crisis" and that it may suffer damage from Pakistani air raids. He announced that the Home Guard would be strengthened as part of civil defense measures to meet "Pakistani aggression." Preliminary civil defense measures--probably not very effective--reportedly have been taken in New Delhi and Calcutta. Meanwhile Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto has claimed that India has launched "undeclared war" in Kashmir, adding that the Muslim population of Kashmir is not alone and that Pakistan will help redeem them from "Indian colonialism." Both Bhutto and Indian spokesmen in New Delhi have indulged in mutual recriminations over "atrocities" alleged to have taken place during the fighting, an exchange which might aggravate communal tensions in both countries.

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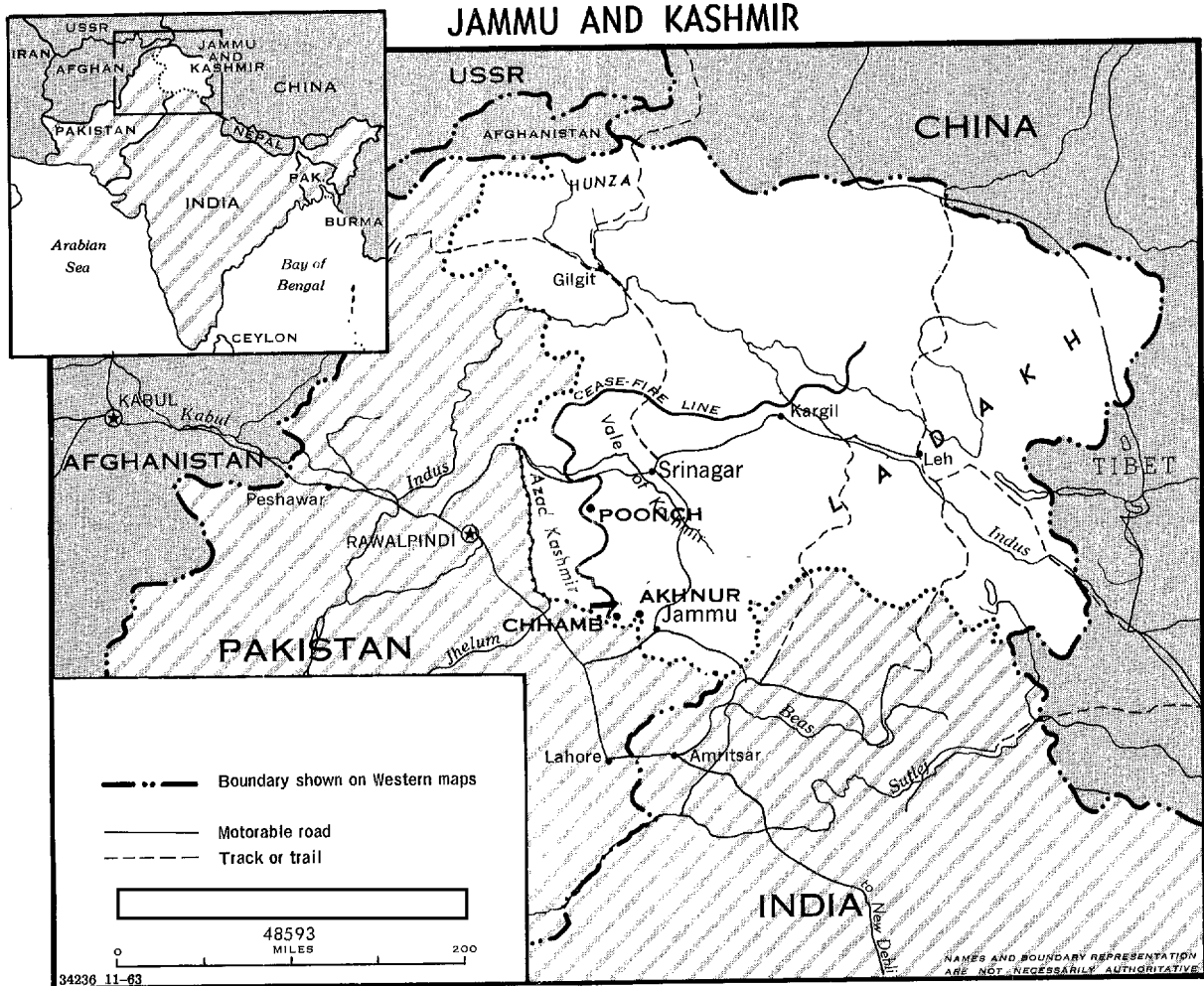
5. Prime Minister Wilson in London has issued personal appeals to both President Ayub and Prime Minister Shastri, urging them to respond positively to U Thant's appeal for a cease-fire. While this is the first time Wilson has directly involved himself personally in the crisis, it is the second British appeal to both sides in the last two days. Canadian Prime Minister Pearson has also offered his personal services in an effort to end the fighting.

6. The Indian ambassador to Washington has formally protested Pakistani use of MAP equipment in the Kashmir fighting. The Indians cited Eisenhower administration assurances that such equipment would not be used by Pakistan against India. In New Delhi, an Indian spokesman has claimed that the Pakistanis would not have crossed the cease-fire line if they did not have the use of "masses of American tanks and aircraft."

7. Ambassador McConaughy reports from Karachi that President Ayub has requested a meeting with him on Monday, 6 September--subject unspecified.

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